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Local Clan Gathers Meeting At Orlando Honor The Moody's

On the shore of Lake Sue in Winter Park, Fla., last week Friday a group of 51 former students of the Seminary and Mt. Hermon school and their guests, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. Thayer to meet and honor Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody who are spending the winter at Daytona Beach. It was a perfect day and Mrs. Thayer, who was Alice Wychoff of the Seminary, class of 1903, proved an ideal hostess. The gathering was in picnic fashion and proved to be a Northfield "neighbor" reunion. Among those attending were Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn, Mrs. C. P. Buffum, Mrs. Lawrence Laselle, Miss Edna Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Field and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morse, Mrs. William J. McRoberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Gage, Dr. and Mrs. Robert McCastline, beside Mr. and Mrs. Moody, all Northfield residents. John Porter, a brother of Philip Porter attended. Among the many others present were Rev. Thomas Moody long a missionary in the Belgian Congo, Rev. and Mrs. George Schwab from Cameroon, East Africa, both retired. Also Lois Lichty, Seminary class of '24, now Mrs. Latford of London, who arrived in this country with her three small sons to visit her mother at Daytona Beach, last August. All enjoyed the picnic reunion, the good things to eat and the social round. The school songs were enjoyed and the party dismissed with the Northfield benediction. The Orlando, Fla., papers carried a fine story of the gathering and the Press is indebted to friends, who sent by airmail the complete account.

Chickadee State Bird Elm Official Tree Now

That busy little feathered bird, who is with us throughout the year, with its lively chirp, the chickadee, has become the official bird, emblem of Massachusetts, by the act of Governor Saltonstall when he signed the bill last week, which was passed by the Legislature. At the same time, the American elm, was chosen as the state tree. The chickadee and the American elm were selected in a popularity contest conducted by the Mass. Audubon society and the Mass. Forest and Park association. Many Northfield citizens voted in the contest and by a large majority selected the chickadee and elm. Following the signing ceremonies Richard F. Fuller, president of the Old Corner Book Store, presented to the Governor a life-size carving of a chickadee the work of Russ Burr, Hingham whittler. Quills used to sign the bill were given by the Governor to Harris A. Reynolds, secretary of the Mass. Forest and Park association, and C. Russell Mason of the Mass. Audubon society.

More Names Added For Civilian Defense

According to announcement, the final opportunity for registration for civilian defense was held Tuesday in the room of the American Legion at the town hall. In the afternoon Capt. William Marshall was registrar, assisted by Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston and in the evening, George McEwan and Dr. Richard G. Holton were on duty, assisted by Miss Marion Wolfram. A total of fifty-four names are enrolled on the roster for Northfield and this makes a mighty fine showing of the ability and willingness as well as the patriotism of our citizens.

Commencement Speaker Mount Hermon School Prof. James T. Cleland

On Monday, June 9 at Mt. Hermon school, the class of 1941, will hold its commencement, and Headmaster David E. Porter has let it be known that Prof. James T. Cleland, associate professor of philosophy and religion at Amherst college will be the commencement speaker. This will be the third time, Prof. Cleland has officiated as the commencement speaker at Hermon, for he spoke in 1937 and in 1938. He has also



Prof. James T. Cleland

spoken at other functions at various times and is scheduled to talk at vespers in Hermon Memorial chapel on Easter Sunday. Prof. Cleland was born in Scotland and received his early education and training there. He received his degree from the University of Glasgow. He came to the United States several years ago and engaged in teaching, especially in studies from both the Old and New Testaments. He is well known in religious circles and is in frequent demand as a speaker.

Mount Hermon Makes Its Athletic Awards

Sixty-eight varsity letters were awarded last week for winter sports at Mt. Hermon school and 48 went to Junior League men. Ten varsity letters went to basketball men, nine to fencing, 11 for hockey, 15 for skiing, 14 in swimming and nine in wrestling. William Waymouth is the only four-letter man in school, winning his fourth in fencing this season. Jack Burke and Brad Harris have three varsity letters each. A summary of all the interscholastic games this season, including junior varsity and lessor teams, indicates 24 wins and 24 losses. The swimming team enjoyed a whole season of victories. Those from this vicinity winning the awards were Richard W. Barrows, Richard D. Birdsell, Kenneth A. Franz, Gordon R. Pyper and Richard O. Bolton.

Congregational Church

The following are the notices for the week. On Sunday at 10 o'clock the Sunday school will meet. At 11 o'clock the morning service with Rev. John Wightman of Florence as the preacher. The Christian Endeavor at 6:45 will be addressed by Rev. Herbert M. Gale of the Seminary. Young People's Forum at 7:45.

On Tuesday at 8, the Bible class will meet with Mrs. J. R. Colton, led by Mrs. Giebel. On Wednesday at 8, the Womens Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank H. Montague. On Thursday, the Ladies Sewing society will hold an all day meeting at the church vestry. Thursday evening at 7:15, at the church, the prayer meeting will be led by I. J. Lawrence.

Dial Phone Work Is Under Way Here Building Started Soon

Plans to provide the latest type of dial telephone service in the Northfield exchange are well under way. One of the first major jobs, in the execution of the plans will be the erection of a new building on the east side of Main street, a short distance north of Warwick avenue, starting about May 1.

The new building will be a one story brick structure with a frontage of 26 feet and a depth of about 23 feet. It will be a cottage type building of colonial architecture and the surrounding grounds will be attractively landscaped.

When the building is completed the work of installing the intricate dial switching apparatus will be started, and carried to completion in time to permit changing over to the new service late next fall. In addition to this work, all telephones in the exchange will be changed and the outside poles, wires and cables will be thoroughly inspected and re-conditioned. The entire job will represent an outlay of nearly \$50,000, and when it is done, Northfield will have one of the most modern telephone systems in New England embodying many recent improvements developed in the Bell Telephone laboratories.

The principal advantages to be derived from dial operation are uniformly fast service with a maximum of efficiency and convenience in making calls of all types at all times of the day or night. In recent years the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. has built similar exchanges in all parts of New England, and surveys show that customers everywhere are highly pleased with the dial service.

New Principal Named For Stoneleigh School

The Stoneleigh-Prospect school of Greenfield, located on the Bernardston road, has a new principal. She is Mrs. Edith Mattson Lewis of Chicago and was chosen by the trustees of the school at a recent meeting. She will assume the position on July 1, and will succeed Miss Isabel B. Cressler and Miss Caroline L. Sumner, co-principals. Mrs. Lewis was born in Chattanooga, Tenn. and was graduated from Wellesley in 1917. She received her M.A. degree from Northwestern university in 1937. She has been a teacher and has had practical business experience in college work. She is the mother of three children of college age. Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill school was opened in 1930 in new buildings constructed with funds received from the bequest under the will of Elijah Coleman, late of Philadelphia. Coleman, who was a native of Greenfield, was interested in the old Prospect Hill school, a girls' preparatory school established in 1869. Though the boarding school was closed soon after 1900 the trustees kept the organization alive and continued classes in music and art. Until the formation of the new school organization which has been a selective girls preparatory school.

Richard B. Bittinger

From Taunton, comes the information of the sudden death of Richard B. Bittinger, 39 at his home in that city, last Sunday night. He was science instructor at the Bristol County Agricultural school. He was born in Plymouth, Feb. 11, 1902, the son of Joseph F. and Katherine (Teague) Bittinger, who later became residents of this town until their death. Mr. Bittinger was educated at Dartmouth college and at Mass. State college from both of which he graduated. He was a member of Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He visited Northfield frequently to spend much time with his parents. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marion (Dreyer) Bittinger, and two sisters, Mrs. Roy M. Von Hofen of Northampton and Mrs. Dwight C. Sheppard of Cleveland, Ohio. The funeral services and burial were last Wednesday afternoon.

Northfield Grange

The Grange was the host to Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield Tuesday evening. The program was presented by the men of the visiting Grange, who gave a burlesque Grange meeting with selections by a quartet and a harmonica solo.

First and second degrees will be worked at the next meeting, April 8.

Connecticut Valley Pomona will meet at the local Grange hall April 9.

Tonights Program of Symphony Concert

The program of the Young People's Symphony concert with Harold Leslie, conductor, assisted by Mrs. Knowlton D. Stone, pianist, held this Friday evening in the town hall will be as follows:

Part I—March Militaire, Schubert; Waltz in F, Schmidt; Gavotte, Max; Theme from Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar; all by Young People's Symphony.

Part II—The Old Refrain, Kreisler, by Helen Howard and George Phelps; Amarillis, Ghys, Ernst, by Marion Annis; Serenade, Drigo, by Marvin Johnson; Czardas, Monti, by Flory Burrows; Scout March, Kyeve, by Joe Arthur Miller, violin, Hilda Bruffee, piano; Sicilienne and Rigaudon, Kreisler, by John Janck; Concerto in A Minor, Accolay, by George Phelps.

Part III—Soldier's March, Gounod; Waltz Medley, Lameter; Londonderry Air, arr. by Glenn; Our National Honor, Brooks; all by the symphony.

Fish and Game Ass'n Hold Annual Meeting

The Northfield Fish and Game association held its annual meeting at the town hall on Monday evening and the reading of reports showed that it has had a successful year with a balance in the treasury. When it came to elect officers, the nominations were made for a reelection, but James E. Dresser, who has served so well as president, refused another term, and the members demanded a "draft Dresser" and refused any further suggestion. As a result the election was postponed for two months. The members of the association are unanimous that Mr. Dresser must continue to lead in the association's effort. After the meeting, Otto Jurek of Greenfield gave a most interesting talk on fishing in New Brunswick and Newfoundland and on hunting in northern Vermont, illustrated with colored pictures. The association will hold its annual banquet on Monday eve at 7, April 14 at the town hall when a turkey dinner will be served by the Northfield hotel. Tickets to the dinner are limited and must be secured not later than April 7 at the Northfield Pharmacy, Aversy or Stearns garage. Harlan Atwood is secretary of the association and George Sheldon is treasurer.

Red Cross Nurse Rally

The Franklin county chapter of the American Red Cross in cooperation with the Red Cross chapter and local Red Cross nursing committees of Hampshire and Hampden counties extends an invitation to the general public to attend the Red Cross Nurses rally to be held this Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the War Memorial building in Holyoke. The subject of the conference will be the mobilization-for-defense of Red Cross nurses, with special consideration of the present needs of our Army and Navy. Members of the alumni association of the Franklin county and Farren hospitals and other groups, such as the American Legion, interested in national defense are making plans to attend.

A colorful part of the meeting will be the parade of Red Cross nurses. All Red Cross nurses in the first and second reserve and those not now on the active enrollment are asked to meet at eight o'clock at the War Memorial building. They will be given Red Cross capes and caps and should wear white uniforms.

President William E. Park of the Northfield schools was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Worcester-Mt. Hermon club on Wednesday of this week. The dinner was held at the Aurora hotel in Worcester.

This evening (Friday) Mr. Park is the guest of honor at the annual club banquet of the Springfield-Hermon club at the Sheraton hotel.

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State College Teacher Speaks To Fortnightly About Summer Camps

Prof. William G. Vinal of the Mass. State College and director of the nature guide school, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon in Alexander hall. He spoke on the advantages and benefits of outdoor life in summer camps, especially for the young folks and illustrated his talk with a fine set of colored slides. His talk was interesting and much appreciated. Owing to the absence of the president, Mrs. Carroll Miller, the vice-president presided and introduced the speaker. The club chorus under the direction of Mrs. Donald Williams offered two selections. A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Allen H. Wright, Mrs. Joseph Field and Mrs. George Thompson was named to present nominations for officers at the annual meeting on April 18. Three directors, three members of the program committee and three members of the music committee are to be named. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be on Friday afternoon at three o'clock, April 4 when a "style show" will be featured at the town hall. Miss Anne Mattoon is in charge and will be ably assisted by a number of members. The display will be made by Wilson Department store of Greenfield. Those who will serve as models include Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. William E. Park, Mrs. Ernest Kirmann, Mrs. John Archibald, Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Miss Janet Kehl, Miss Doran Davis, Miss Winona Robinson, Miss Jean McEwan, Miss Janet Spencer, Miss Rosemary Mroczek, and David Mroczek. The style show will open to the public and a small admission fee will be charged which will be given to the high school senior class for

Senator Styles Bridges To Speak At Amherst The Public Is Invited

The Amherst College Political Union, through its president, Robert M. Morgenthau, announces that Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, will be the speaker in its fifth gathering for the presentation of important political viewpoints. The meeting will be held Wednesday evening, April 9 in college hall and the public are cordially invited to attend. A group from Northfield and Mt. Hermon are expecting to attend to hear the distinguished speaker. The Hon. Styles Bridges was a former Governor of the state of New Hampshire and is now a United States Senator in Congress where he has been a leading figure in the political discussions. He is an extremely influential member of the minority party and an opponent of many of the New Deal measures. In 1939 his name was brought forward as a candidate for the presidency. He supported Wendell Willkie in the last campaign. Mr. Bridges has not announced his subject, but is expected to deal with several phases of recent political discussions in Washington, the situation of the nation in the present crisis and the administration of the "lend-lease bill." It is expected that many throughout this area will visit Amherst to hear him. The Amherst college hall will be crowded.

Attending the first report meeting of the Pioneer Valley association campaign committees of Franklin county held in Greenfield on Monday, Samuel E. Walker, who represented this town, stated that \$232 had been secured here. Northfield's response was loudly cheered.

Their Washington trip fund. Miss Daisy Holton will provide the music for the style show.

Rev. and Mrs. Marcy Named Missionaries Going To Honduras

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Paul Marcy, both well and favorably known here to a large circle of friends, left this week from New York, on the steamship Iroquois, of the United Fruit Co. for Honduras, Central America, where they will take up their work with the Central American Mission. They are taking with them their three children, Pearl Charlotte, 4 1/2 years, who was born in Ocala, Fla., Paul Sidney, 2 1/2 years and Ruth Harriet, 8 months old. Mrs. Marcy is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Truesdell of Bernardston, with whom they have been staying for some time. Mrs. Marcy is a graduate of Powers Institute of Bernardston, class of '31, and afterward attended Wheaton seminary at Wheaton, Ill. Mr. Marcy is the son of John H. Marcy of West Boylston, formerly of this town. His mother died several years ago at their home here. Mr. Marcy studied at Mt. Hermon school and also attended Wheaton college. They both studied at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for two years, taking the special missionary course. Recently Mr. Marcy was ordained in Philadelphia as a clergyman and he will go to his field for a five years of service, with Mrs. Marcy, both looking forward with satisfaction to doing pioneer work among Spanish speaking people. They have served previously a period of two years in Costa Rica. The Central American Mission, with which they will be connected, was founded by Dr. C. I. Scofield and headquarters are now in Dallas, Texas. At the recent Valley Bible conference held in Bernardston, Mr. and Mrs. Marcy were given a farewell and a special service and the right hand of fellowship. Many friends will follow them in prayer for blessings and in thought for abundant success.

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Hear Phone President Speak At Brattleboro

The New England Telephone and Telegraph company estimates that during the present year gross additions to its plant will run to \$25,000,000 or early \$4,000,000 more than last year. John J. Robinson, president of the company, stated to a group of supervisory telephone men and women at a meeting at the Brooks House, Brattleboro, on Tuesday.

Defense activities and industrial expansion explain this increased estimate, he said. Emergency requirements for telephone service, facilities and equipment of all kinds are imposing a severe strain on the telephone industry, although there has been no considerable adverse effect on normal service.



John J. Robinson

Included in this year's construction plans are new dial exchanges at Pownal and North Troy in Vermont, and at Northfield. An addition to the building at Burlington, additional operating equipment for Pittsfield, and more than \$100,000 worth of additional equipment for various central offices. During 1940 dial exchanges were placed in operation at Derby, Felchville, Proctor and Tunbridge, in Vermont and Barnardston, Cummington, Middlefield, Millers Falls and Turners Falls in this district.

Recognizing the importance of the Connecticut river valley as a developing industrial section, the company completed a new cable route two years ago which will provide adequate facilities for communication in that section where considerable industrial defense activity is going on. At the same time, the telephone company has removed its important cables from bridges and other sections where floods might cause damage and disrupt service.

During the meeting a new motion picture was shown for the first time, illustrating some of the telephone company's activities in various parts of New England.

Among the local telephone men and women who attended the meeting were Miss Lena Frye, chief operator at Greenfield; Miss Sadie A. Collins, chief operator at South Deerfield; Mrs. Mabel Richardson, chief operator at Northfield; Joseph E. Bonnevill, Greenfield wire chief, and Sydney F. Spencer, new Greenfield office manager.

The Scout News

Troop IX, boy scouts, held its meeting Monday evening. A business session and game period were held under the leadership of the Scoutmaster, Walter Harding. During the testing period, Samuel Truesdell instructed the boys in artificial respiration and the pressure points; Kenneth Bolton instructed newcomers in the tenderfoot tests.

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. John E. Nye, who is at St. Petersburg with Miss Nellie Nye and with George E. Nye of Peterborough, N. H. her brother-in-law, recently entertained a number of friends who called upon them.

Don't forget the annual appeal of the WCTU for eggs (or money) to be sent to the Flower Mission at Boston. These eggs must be shipped on or before April 7 and may be left at the home of Mrs. E. M. Morgan or at the filling station of Gordon Buffum.

Mrs. Arthur Packard and her two sons of Rye, N. Y. spent last weekend with her mother, Mrs. William R. Moody at the Homestead.

Joseph R. Colton and A. P. Fitt attended the meeting and dinner of the insurance agents of the county at the Weldon hotel in Greenfield on Monday evening.

Don Sutherland, was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sutherland on Parker Ave. last weekend. He has been employed at the experiment station of the DuPont Co. at Wilmington, Del., but now goes to Indiana to the new plant, just completed, to analyze smokeless powder. He made the trip by plane after a visit with friends in New York City.

Arthur Katz, editor of the Hermonite at Mt. Hermon school recently attended the Columbia Scholastic Press association convention in New York. The Hermonite was entered in the exhibit of school papers.

The six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ryther of the Barnardston road died of pneumonia at the Farren hospital last week Thursday and the funeral was from Kidders funeral parlor.

Last December, there was an auto collision on the Gulf road in this town between cars of Mrs. Margaret Crowley of Erving and Alton E. Stowell, whose address is given as Northfield. Now Mrs. Crowley has filed a civil action in superior court to recover \$5000. She was a passenger in the car driven by Fred Crowley.

The next meeting of the 12th lodge of instruction of the Masonic fraternity of the 14th district will be Tuesday evening April 22 at South Deerfield, with Mt. Sugar Loaf lodge as host.

The annual luncheon of the Womens Alliance of the Unitarian church will be held on Thursday, April 10 with full details in our next issue.

A. A. Dunkies of South Vernon, well known to many in this town, has been re-elected moderator of the town of Vernon for his 44th year.

Calvin Field was at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field the past week, during his vacation from his studies at Purdue.

This Friday evening the Young Peoples Symphony of Greenfield under the direction of Harold A. Leslie will give a concert in the town hall, sponsored by the junior class of the high school for the benefit of their Washington trip fund.

Mrs. Maude N. Voris and Miss Aleda Roe of Jamaica, N. Y. who are summer resident of Northfield are spending the remainder of the winter at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The new broadcasting station WHYN of Holyoke opened with its first broadcast on Sunday last at 12:30 noon. It is found on the dial on 1370.

Last Tuesday was the anniversary of Greek independence, and the Governor suggested that the Greek flag be flown as a tribute to that wonderful nation who are again fighting for freedom. We had no Greek flag in Northfield, but several citizens put out "Old Glory."

The funeral services for the late Stephen E. Whitmore, were held last Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at Kidders funeral parlor, with Rev. Raymond H. Palmer, minister of the Unitarian church officiating. Members of Harmony lodge of Masons attended in a body. A very large number of our citizens were at the service. Burial was later in the afternoon in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Athol.

William Lyons Phelps of Yale university is scheduled as a speaker at Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel for vespers on a Sunday in May.

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W.C.T.U. Notice

Members of the local WCTU will go to Greenfield next Wednesday to attend the State Institute at the North Parish church. The morning session will begin at 10:30 and will be followed by luncheon and an afternoon session. Mrs. E. M. Morgan, the county president will welcome the delegates and Rev. Mabel Makepeace will lead the devotions. Speakers will include Mrs. Lila D. Warren, state president, and Mrs. Mary Burns, state vice-president.

Center School News

A new series of school assemblies has been started at the Center school. For the next two months, individual members of the eighth grade will have charge of the programs. The first program of the series was sponsored by Phoebe Stacy who conducted an amateur program. The contestants were a quartet consisting of Marion Avery, Lorraine Gings, Blanche Duda, and Marilyn Dresser who sang four songs; a second quartet composed of Arlene Finch, Ruth Daws, Shirley Farrington and Helen Howard singing the new eighth grade class song; and June Cota who played a piano solo.

Reading certificates were presented to Eugene Hutchinson, Lee Hammond, Edmund Morgan, Isabelle Stone, Sophie Duda and Lorraine Gings. The Bible reading and prayer led by Norma Leach and the flag salute closed the ceremonies.

When the program was over, the children listened to the Columbia School of the Air broadcast, a health play and in the afternoon to the Walter Damrosch children's concert.

Radio's New Highways Changes Due Saturday

Saturday, March 29 is "radio movin' day," and many station numbers will be changed. Two million radio families throughout New England will ask why? The answer is simple, but to understand it, some knowledge of radio history leading up to the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement (or the "Havana Treaty") is necessary.

Look at the dial on your radio. You'll find that from left to right it is numbered 550, 560 on thru to 1600 kilocycles (most radio dials leave off the zero, so the numbers read from 55 to 1600). Kilocycles indicate the number of vibrations per second in the electrical carrier wave assigned to each station. This carrier wave "carries" the program on its back into your radio, and the number of vibrations of this carrier wave—or its "frequency"—serves to identify a station's highway through space.

In the early days of broadcasting anybody in the United States could start a radio station on any one of these frequencies he chose within this standard broadcast band. There was no law to say he could not use the same frequency—or highway—as his next door neighbor.

If you were a radio fan in the early days of broadcasting, you remember the chaos which resulted from several stations operating on the same frequency. This situation necessitated a "radio traffic cop" in the United States to tell station operators on what highways to broadcast.

Engineers exploring the field of radio had made three important discoveries: (1) that each radio frequency had to be separated from its neighboring frequency by a margin of 10 kilocycles. Otherwise radio waves overlapped resulting in whistling and booming interference; (2) that just as a football player, in throwing a forward pass forty yards puts more power into his heave than he does when he tosses one but five yards, so much more power be put behind the radio wave to make it cover different distances beyond its transmitter; (3) that radio waves travel farther at night than they do in the daytime. In

line with these three known facts and for the purpose of distributing the 100 American radio frequencies among the then 714 stations of the United States in such a way as to avoid interferences with each other, Congress created the first Federal Radio Commission in 1927. In 1934 this was supplanted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The first radio act of 1927 brought about an orderly system of highways for radio in the United States by this radio traffic regulation.

Our radio traffic cop—the FCC—soon found a new problem in radio interference, however. Their traffic system worked in the United States for our own stations, but soon interference with our stations by stations located in other North American countries became apparent. Powerful broadcasting transmitters had been built close to the border in Mexico, others in Canada and Cuba—operating on the same frequencies as some of our United States stations.

It soon became evident that some sort of international agreement was needed in order to restore clear radio reception to the countries concerned. With this in view, the first international conference was held in Mexico City in 1933 and a second in December 1937 at Havana, Cuba. At the second conference an all-embracing treaty known as "The North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement" was signed. This agreement was ratified by the governments of Canada, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico and the United States and becomes effective at 3 a. m. on March 29—"radio movin' day."

The agreement—the new international radio traffic regulations—provides a complete working basis for the allocation of technical facilities among the various countries of North America. To obtain the benefits provided in the treaty it is necessary that most of the broadcast stations in North America change to new frequency assignments. In the United States 795 of the 888 broadcast stations (practically all of the stations above 740 kilocycles) will have new assigned frequencies.

Better check up on the new list and locate the new numbers of your favorite stations.

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Holly Corned Beef	1-lb can 16c
Sunny Sweet Mixed Pickles	qt. jar 21c
Dolly Madison Dill Pickles	qt. jar 17c

West Northfield and South Vernon

South Vernon church: Saturday at 1, junior choir; 1:30, tonette band; 2, toy symphony. Sunday: morning worship at 10:30; sermon by the pastor, "The World or Wod"; Sunday school, 11:45; Loyal Workers, 6:30; Mrs. Bessie Dunklee, leader; evening service, 7:30 with sermon by the pastor.

Misses Ruth Dunklee, Emma Murray and Marjorie Tyler, came home Saturday from Castleton normal school for a vacation until March 31.

A silver tea for the benefit of the Vernon health committee was held last week Thursday with Mrs. Warren Dunklee. Rev. B. F. White gave a talk on the Mennonites.

The Vernon Valley girls 4-H club will have a whist and pitch party at the Vernon town hall, Friday, for the benefit of the 4-H summer camp.

Phyllis and Lester Ingram are visiting relatives in Boston. Eugene Brooks has been ill several days.

Mrs. Addie LaPlante has been visiting her son in Springfield.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edson has been named Ronald Walter. He was born on March 13 and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edson of Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dalton of West Northfield.

The South school P.-T. A. will meet next Tuesday evening at 7:45. Mrs. Ruth Holton has charge of the program.

The body of Miss Nettie L. Brooks, age 17, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brooks of Swanzey, N. H. and former residents of South Vernon, was brought here for burial in Tyler cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler were in Hartford Sunday on a visit with their daughter Marion.

Dogs in Vermont must be licensed by April 1 with the town clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have moved from the Severance farm and are located in Wardsboro, Vt.

The Soil Tillers 4-H club will meet next Wednesday with Roger Holton.



SENATOR STYLES BRIDGES who speaks at Amherst College hall, Wednesday evening, April 9.

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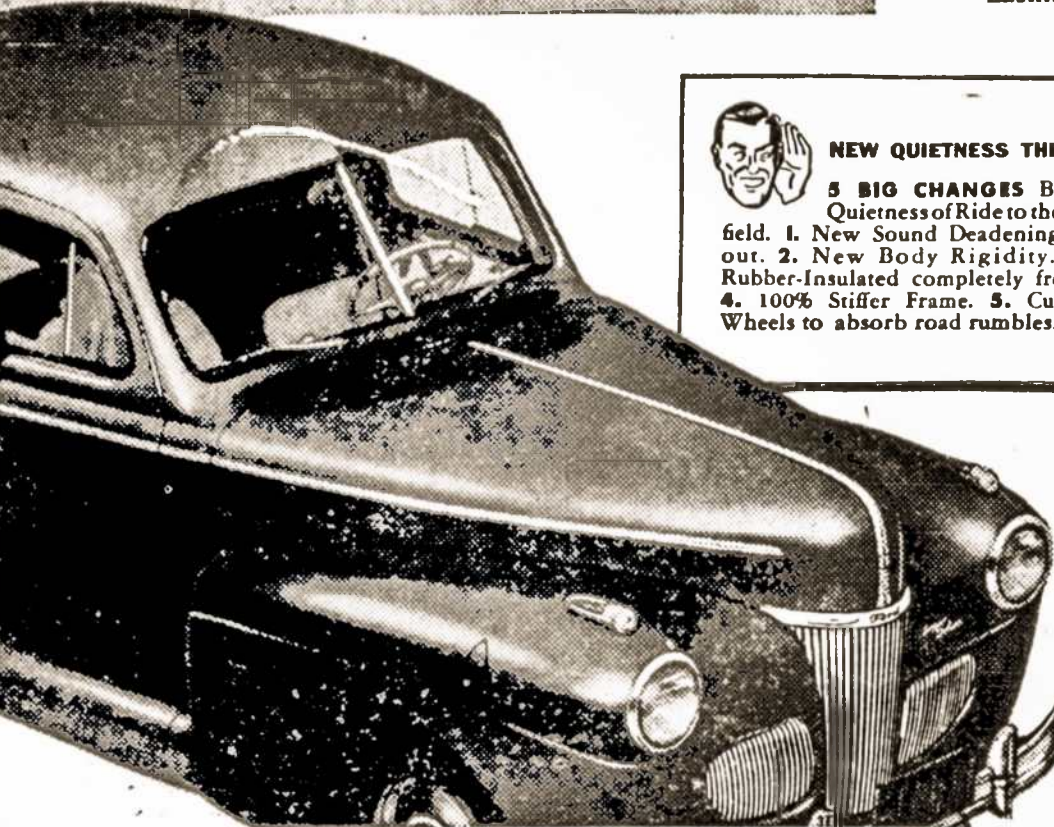
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TOWN TOPICS

The will of the late Miss Isaline A. Davis of this town was filed in probate court last week. Bertha E. Davis of Brookline, a niece will receive the residue of the estate, while furniture and furnishings go to Mrs. Neva S. Barber. \$50 bequests go to William H. Custer nephew, and Minnie S. Manchester, niece both of Springfield, Vt. and to E. Norton Davis, nephew of Hampden, Ct. Floyd Shumway of Greenfield is named executor.

Rev. Herbert M. Gale of the Seminary was the preacher at the Vernon Union church last Sunday morning, while the pastor, Rev. Ellis E. Jones, preached in the local Congregational church.

Last week in Shafter Memorial library at Mt. Hermon school was exhibited a large collection of theatre programs by Russell Ullman of Perth Amboy, N. J. a former graduate of the school, who made the collection as a hobby. Some of the old programs went back as far as 1776. It proved very interesting.

Rev. Harold B. Ingalls of the Seminary was the speaker at the fifth mid-week Lenten service, Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the church women of Amherst and held at the South Amherst church.

In the last issue of "Zions Herald" an organ of the Methodist church, was published a full page article, written some years ago by Dwight L. Moody dealing with Christian faith and religion. A picture of Mr. Moody was on the front page.

Miss Euphrasia Purrington returned Monday to her duties as public health nurse after several weeks' illness.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to the many friends and neighbors of the kindness extended to us, during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Jennie Whitmore
Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Whitmore
Mrs. Frank Amden

An appraisal of quality values and price was made last week on a large stock of Northfield Colonial rugs, made by Ripley Bros. just before their removal to the Britton house in East Northfield, by a representative of a department store, ending with the purchase of the entire lot. The Ripleys will be kept busy now to replenish their supply.

Dean Carmean, who is studying at Colgate university, is spending a vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Carmean.

Dogs must be licensed before April 1, but thus far none have been issued because the town clerk has not received the tags. However these are expected to arrive daily.

A press item printed on Wednesday states that Miss Marilyn A. Doolittle of this town and Jared C. Munson of Tarrytown, N. Y. were married last November. They will reside in Hartford, Ct.

Another group of local folks went to Keene last Monday night to attend the broadcast of Rev. Fred MacArthur.

Mrs. A. Gordon Moody is spending a short vacation with friends at Short Beach, Ct.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Winchester road spent the weekend in Boston.

The extension service group met Tuesday evening at the high school. Mrs. May Lanphear and Mrs. Doris Bolton demonstrated the making of breads, rolls, etc.

Northfield's bowling team still leads by a good margin in first place in the County League. Ware and Gingsas are high local players.

Our readers are reminded to notify us of any change of address as soon as possible.

Frieda Imhof, who sustained a broken leg in Stowe, Vt., last month is convalescing at the AYH staff house.

Miss Caroline B. Phelps of the Seminary is registered at the Henry Hudson hotel in New York City this week.

Franklin County Hospital Elects Its Officials

Dr. Halbert G. Stetson of Greenfield was reelected president of the Franklin county hospital trustees at the annual meeting held last week in Greenfield. Merle W. Scott was chosen secretary. Other officers were: first vice-president, Rev. John B. Whiteman; second vice-president, Frank H. Reed; treasurer, Joseph W. Ballard; assistant treasurer, Miss A. Blanche Hamilton; superintendent, Miss Annie S. Barclay. Trustees chosen for the three year term include Mrs. Robert P. Dolan, Roy F. Cooke, Joseph W. Ballard, Mrs. A. W. Esleeck, Irving N. Esleeck, Miss Janet L. Russell, Nathan Aults, Allen Warner, Rev. John B. Whiteman, Mrs. W. Herbert Nichols, Frank A. Yeaw, and Albert A. Tanner.

Young People's Forum

A musical program has been arranged by the Young People's Forum for this Sunday evening at 7:45 in the Congregational church. There will be both vocal and instrumental selections. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

The executive committee of the Forum for April is Miss Ruth Tangle, chairman, Miss Julia Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Frances Reed.

Sent To Red Cross

Another lot of finished goods has been sent to the production department of the Red Cross by Mrs. D. F. Sutherland, in behalf of the group of women who are assisting her in this town. Among the articles are 11 sweaters, 6 pair mens socks, 5 pair childrens socks and 5 beanies. The work will go on and further shipments made from time to time.

He: How are you this evening, honey?
She: All right but lonely.
He: Good and lonely?
She: No, just lonely.
He: I'll be right over.

TWISTING THE DIALS With A. L. SIMON

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More funds are not always acceptable, and if you have an ingenious mind for limericks, slogans or names, you may enter the competitive field. Here the stakes are higher. If you're lucky, cash prizes up to \$5000 are offered; or you might try for a bicycle, a pen and pencil set, a pedigree pup, a 15-tube radio, a wrist watch or a vacation trip to New York.

If you are enterprising, it can easily be seen that by following air instructions, you might get to furnish your home or even tour the country through offers made over the radio. The least you can get is a polite letter from the sponsor that the gift offer supply has been exhausted.

Anyway, it seems to make radio listening worthwhile.

Monroe Smith returns to Northfield Sunday after a trip through the south for the youth hostels.

A group of Student Christian movement youths held a meeting at the youth hotel over the weekend. In their program was included talks on youth hostelling by Isabel Smith, Mrs. Catchpool and Fritz Kaufhold.

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EDITORIAL

CLEAN UP

Soon thousands of American
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to achieve two highly important
goals—a handsomer town, and a
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present danger of fire. Vacant lots
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Old shacks are torn down. Build-
ings are repaired and painted.
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down. And when that happens, fire
hazards disappear. Order and
cleanliness are among fire's most
effective enemies.

Here is a real opportunity in
which every town, no matter how
small, can participate. Every citi-
zen should co-operate. It's a rare
town indeed which doesn't con-
tain eyesores—rattletrap build-
ings, long unoccupied, lots on
which grass has grown waist high,
accumulations of junk and refuse
which belong in an incinerator,
lines of broken fences, etc. Clean-
up week needn't be expensive.
The combination of a little paint,
plus plenty of elbow grease, will
work wonders in many cases. A
wrecking bar and a bonfire will
do the work in most others.

SO SAY WE ALL

If a vestige of doubt remained
in any mind as to this country's
position in the current world
struggle for power, the President's
speech at the White House Cor-
respondents association dinner
should have dissipated it. There
was no humor in the President's
voice. There were no light touch-
es. He had grave words to say,
and he said them gravely.

That speech, coming hard on
the heels of Congress' approval of
the lend-lease bill, made our policy
clear as crystal—we are out to
destroy dictatorship, and the en-
tire resources of this nation will
be spent freely to that end. He
denounced the Nazis by name. He
accused them of seeking the de-
struction of elective systems of
government on every continent,
including our own. He accused
them of seeking to stir up con-
troveries and to create disunion
within all democracies, including
our own. And he said that they
would fail—that the would-be
conquerors will find that the force
of democracy, though they may
move slowly, will in the end be
supreme.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olsson

I picked up an idea the other
day, at least it was new to me,
and should be of interest to you,
especially those who like spinach.
One difficulty in raising spinach
is that in warm weather it goes
to seed in a hurry. Of course
Swiss chard and similar plants
take its place but for those who
insist on spinach in preference to
Swiss chard or New Zealand spin-
ach, here's the idea. Plant your

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rows of sweet corn. The shade
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to seed too rapidly.

Quite a few of my garden
friends rave about their delphin-
iums. I personally have never had
too much success when growing
them. Perhaps it's lack of knowl-
edge on my part. So I was in-
terested to read the other day that
one of the secrets of raising del-
phiniums is to start with truly
fresh seeds.

This writer said that seed kept
over from the previous summer
will germinate as high as 90 per
cent if it is kept over winter
stored in a tightly corked bottle
in a refrigerator.

Then as a starting mixture use
loam, sand and leaf mold which
has been disinfected with some re-
liable disinfectant material. This
of course tends to eliminate
damping-off which is one of the
bugbears of all plant growers. The
little seedlings can be transplanted
when the second true leaf
shows.

If seeds are sown in February
and March, you should have some
small flower spikes by September
and then of course the next year
you'll get the mature spikes.

As far as winter killing is con-
cerned, this person says that all
you need is a shovelful of sand
thrown over the crowns in the
winter. In other words, he is of
the opinion that the difficulty in
growing delphiniums is largely
imaginary.

And speaking of delphiniums, I
heard a commercial florist re-
commend very highly the Giant
Pacific Hybrids. He says that they
meet all the demands and expecta-
tions of the delphinium enthu-
siasts. The color range, he says, is
amazing. Some spikes have pale
lavender florets with black or
brown bees, blue with white cen-
ters, and even deep purple with
lavender tinted centers. He also
recommended the white Pacific
Hybrids. All of them are not
perfectly white, some of them
having colored centers.


So I guess I'll have to over-
come my animosity to delphiniums
and try a few in the garden.

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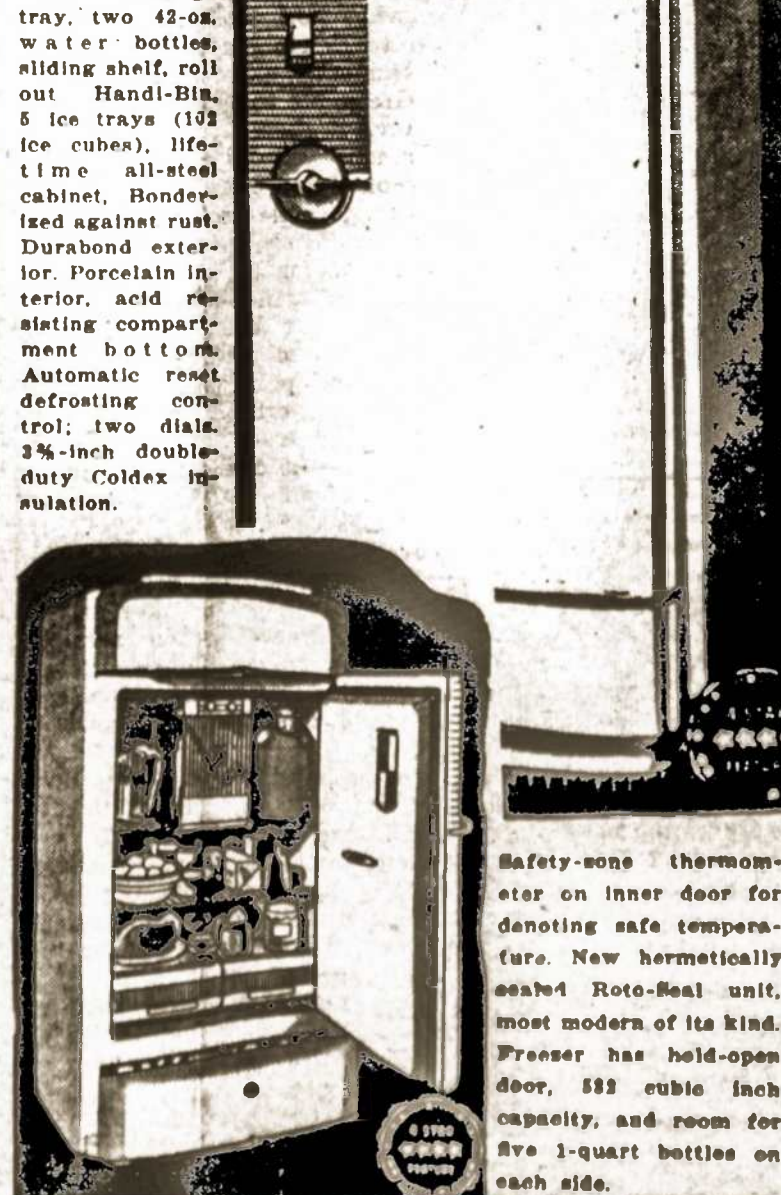
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